

Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2021

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President), Hans Soderquist (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Tracy Bensen, Judy Crilley, Donna Kropp, Ken Rypkema, Jerry Finin, Paul Ventura, Heidi Carle (Library Director)

Excused: Kostas Anagnopoulos

Absent: N/A

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

No public participation.

President's Report

Board members still need to submit photos and bios to Heidi. Please submit ASAP.

Secretary's Report

Judy made a motion to accept the November Board meeting minutes. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the November financials. Overall, the Library's finances are good. We anticipate a surplus in excess of \$8000 going into 2022.

Tracy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Heidi suggested a motion be made that the Board vote on and approve a resolution requesting that the Greenville School District consider an increase in funding for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The increase will not exceed the 2% tax cap. Donna made a motion to accept the Resolution. Jerry seconded. Motion carried. (Resolution amended to end of minutes.)

Judith made a motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee

Greenery Sale. We did very well on the greenery sale, more than \$2600 net as of today.

Hans made a motion to accept the Fundraising Committee report. Judith seconded. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee

No report this month.

Development Committee

To date we have received over \$33,000. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help get the annual appeal out.

Jerry made a motion to accept the Development Committee report. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Committee

The likely date for the board member's retreat to discuss the draft strategic plan is Saturday, January 15th.

Hans made a motion to accept the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Heidi has been closely monitoring COVID cases in Albany Country. The Library has returned to full operating hours and services. Public spaces are for transactional purposes only with a 30-minute limit. Staff have the option to allow for longer stays based on capacity. Masks and hand sanitizer use are required. Public restrooms are open.

Heidi will host a "Director's Book Chat" at the Library beginning in January 2022. Times and dates still to be determined.

Heidi is still looking for a Youth Service Coordinator.

Tracy made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Ken made a motion to adjourn. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino

